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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-22 in their entirety, and add new claims 23-42 as follows:

23. (New) An apparatus for generating route guidance information based on route information supplied from outside, comprising:

a storage unit configured to store road network data and landmark data;

a road pattern analysis unit configured to analyze a road pattern along a route of the route information by referring to the road network data, and to obtain road pattern data;